

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced today that the FAA has awarded a \$1 million Federal grant to the city of Del Rio and the County of Val Verde to build a new heliport for emergency medical transport and other improvements at the Del Rio International Airport.

"I am so proud to announce this \$1 million in Federal funds to improve the Del Rio International Airport," said Congressman Rodriguez. "The City of Del Rio and the entire County of Val Verde will benefit from the improvements that will increase safety and expand the region's emergency medical services."

The \$1 million Federal grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) includes funds for the following improvements:

- Construction of a concrete heliport/helipad for emergency medical service helicopters
 - Installation of apron lighting to enhance security for aircraft parking
 - Installation of taxiway lighting to enhance safety of nighttime operations on the taxiway
- Congressman Rodriguez is a member of the US House Committee on Appropriations, and House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.